

TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



The Tennessee Youth Leadership Forum, (YLF), is a four -day summer session that will take place in the month of July, 2008 at a Middle Tennessee university or college.

- Approximately 20 high school 10th, 11th and 12th graders with disabilities will be selected to attend.
PLEASE NOTE: Students do not attend the Forum with family members.
- There is no charge to selected student delegates (all expenses paid, including reimbursement for travel to and from the Forum).
- Students, known as YLF Delegates, will participate in an educational four-day training program that includes: presentations by local and national speakers in the field of disability, small and large group discussions on developing leadership skills and disability-related issues, an inspirational mentor luncheon with community leaders who have disabilities, a tour of the State capitol, a talent show and a photography workshop.

APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR MAILED, FAXED or E-MAILED APPLICATION: FEBRUARY 29, 2008

**STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS APPLICATION.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

_____			Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Student's Last Name	First	Middle Initial		
_____		_____		
Please specify your ethnicity		County of Residence		
_____		_____		
Residence Address	City	State	ZIP (9 digits)	
_____		_____		
Mailing Address, if different than above	City	State	ZIP	
_____		_____		
Home Telephone Number		Name of High School		
_____		_____		
Grade Level in March 2007		School Address		
_____		_____		
City	State	ZIP	High School Counselor's Name	School Telephone Number
_____		_____		
Birthdate		Date Graduation Expected		
_____		_____		

Please describe your disability. This information will assist in assuring that we include delegates with a diversity of disabilities.

Please list any elective classes or extracurricular activities you are currently enrolled in:

State Senate Representative's Name

District Number

State Assembly Representative's Name

District Number

School and Community Involvement

Below, please briefly list your involvement with your school and community. This may include any offices held, club memberships, after school activities, or work experiences. List the length of involvement and the grade level you were in at the time of participation.

School Activities

Name of Activity

Beginning and Ending Dates

Grade Level

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Community Activities

Name of Activity

Beginning and Ending Dates

Grade Level

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach **two letters** of recommendation, which describe your demonstrated leadership skills or your leadership potential. **One letter must be from a high school representative, and one must be from a community representative outside of your school.** List the name, position/title, organization, and telephone number of the two people who write these letters.

Name	Title
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Organization	Telephone Number
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ESSAY

Your answers to the following questions will be used to assess your readiness to participate in this leadership forum. Please write your responses on separate paper, and attach them to your completed application packet.

(Please contact our office to request an accommodation or alternative format [i.e. Braille, large print, audio/video tape.]

- (a) **QUALIFICATIONS-** Explain why you feel you are qualified to be a delegate to this forum, and please tell us why you want to attend.
- (b) **POSITIVE INFLUENCES-** In terms of leadership, please tell us about two people who have positively influenced your life. Why? (Families, teachers, counselors, friends, public officials or celebrities are appropriate examples.)
- (c) **EXPERIENCES AS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY-** Describe two important experiences you have had as a young person with a disability. (Please be specific about your examples as they relate to your disability).
- (d) **FUTURE PLANS-** Describe any of your plans following your high school graduation.

Please use the checklist below, to make certain your application packet is complete. All questions must be answered, and requested letters and information provided.

Required Items

- ❖ Application form (3 pages)
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation
- ❖ Essay (response to four topics)

Signature of Student	Date
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Thank you for completing this application.
Please mail, e-mail or fax it to the address below.

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